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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been on the internet since the early days. I've visited libraries using text only browsers, traveled all the old bulletin boards in the early days and watched the industry grow. This industry grew because of the upstarts. The dreamers. It didn't get where it was because of big telecom and streaming providers; they road the bandwagon built by others and now they want to control it so they can milk it for all its worth. That is the death knell of innovation and consumer value. Big business is about making money, and doing it with the minimum investment and maximum prices possible. I gave up on ATT and switched to Sonic for just these reasons. The big companies enticing with a deal, grabbing market share then slowly beginning to charge more for less. They got tax breaks for fiber optics years ago with the understanding that they would bring it to the houses. They took the money and did not deliver on their promises - or rather now you can pay extra for the promise and the breaks which we gave them and already paid for. They want to create 'fast lanes' in essence cutting up the existing bandwidth into more slices, always pushing consumers to accept less for more.

Sonic is a small ISP but they have delivered big with a quality of service and pricing that I was NEVER able to get from ATT. I tried to work with ATT. I called them. I visited their forums and finally I switched to a responsive little guy who cares about customer service and value.

I could write more but I'm not 100% sure real people read this. I hope someone does and doesn't assume this is some alarmist writing. You can see these footprints again and again in my industries and the internet is too essential to give the big guys overwhelming control and the ability to squash the little guys.

Thanks.

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